(d) what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Indian Airlines are taking to make these flights regular?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA) (a) and (b) During June and July, 1988 out of a total of 17904 take offs by Indian Airlines from Delhi and other airports in the country, 8265 were delayed/cancelled which is about 46 per cent.

(e) From Delhi, out of a total of 1859 take offs, 814 were delayed/cancelled, constituting about 43.79%.

(d) Out of a total of 1859 take-offs ex-Delhi during June-July 1988, only 102 delays/cancellations (which is 5.5% of the total take-offs) were due to reasons like commercial, operation, engineering. which were within the control of Indian Airlines, The remaining delays/cancellations were due to reasons like weather, security, consequential reasons which were beyond the control of Indian Airlines.

(e) In order to improve flight scheduling and restricting consequential delays, Indian Airlines has already placed order for 19 A-320 aircraft to augment its fleet and is also taking on lease aircrafts, to tide over the capacity constraint. This is expected to improve Indian Airlines' on time performance, considerably. Besides, Indian Airlines is regularly monitoring delays with a view to cutting on repetitive snags.

I.T.D.C. projects developed during the Seventh Five Year Plan

*288. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of I.T.D.C. projects originally envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan period and the number of projects completed;

(b) what is the number of projects behind schedule, by when these are likely to be completed and what are the reasons for delay; and

(c) what is the percentage of cost escalation over and above the original cost estimates?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) The original approved Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-90) of ITDC envisaged completion of the following hotel projects being on going schemes as spill over of the Sixth Plan:—

1. Hotel Agra Ashok
2. Hotel at Gulmarg
3. Expansion of Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneshwar
4. Expansion and conversion of Travellers Lodge at Bodhgaya into a hotel
5. Expansion of Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel Udaipur.

Out of the above, the following projects have been completed:-

1. Hotel Agra Ashok
2. Expansion of Hotel Kalinga Ashok Bhubaneshwar.

The remaining three projects are presently behind schedule. The likely date of their completion the reasons for delay and the increase in cost over and above the original cost estimates are given in the attached Statement. (See Appendix. CXLVII, Annexure No. 109).

Improving the condition of Kanchenjunga and Gour Express

*289. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal

under Government's consideration to improve the condition of Kanchenjunga and Gour Express; and

(b) If so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Improvement in the condition of trains including Kanchenjunga and Gour Express is a continuing process.

Satna-Rewa Vayudoot Service

*290. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot service connecting SATNA-REWA in Madhya Pradesh was inaugurated a few months back but thereafter the flight was never operated;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Vaydoot was not equipped to cater to this route and was also not satisfied with the arrnagements at the airstrip: if so, what are the reasons for introduction of the said flight?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) Vayudoot executed a trial flight to inaugurate the use of Satna and Rewa airfields. But the same could not immediately be followed by regular scheduled commercial operations as it was considered essential that some minor works be first executed at the two airports. Vayudoot is in a position to operate scheduled services to these stations once the necessary works have been executed.

Request by the Delhi University to UGC to open new colleges

*291. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi University authorities had requested the University Grants Commission to open three new colleges, strengthen the evening colleges, and introduce new courses in morning colleges; and

(b) if so, whether the request has been granted; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir. The UGC has received a proposal in this regard from the Delhi University on 10-8-1988.

(b) The proposal for starting a new College viz. Lakshman Katre Memorial Air Force College, w.e.f. 1988-89 was considered by the U.G.C. at its meeting held on 10-8-1988 but the Commission could not support the same. The remaining proposals are being processed in the Commission.

New International Terminal at Calcutta Airport

*292. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a plan to build a new international terminal at Calcutta airport and the work for that was to start from December, 1987;

(b) whether the work has already been started: if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be started; and

(c) whether any new international flight is going to touch Calcutta, in addition to the existing ones?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.